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This Week In Correction

A weekly update of events in the Tennessee Department of Correction

A YEAR LATER: A Celebration of Life



The belt Officer Wayne "Cotton" Morgan was wearing the day he was gunned down is encased and presented to his wife and son during a memorial service on the one-year anniversary of his death.

Commissioner Little spoke to Officer Morgan's co-workers, friends and family about the impact his death has had on the department. The Commissioner also wore a black badge across a pin with Officer Morgan's picture.



Staff at **BMCX** and **MCCX** held a vigil in honor of Officer Morgan. Officers stood at the gravesite of their fallen brother from 7am until 7 pm.



Pictured (left) from both institutions are Mark Norman, Darrell Ward, Larry Harris, Sam Howard, Charlie Hiatt and Jeff Hall.

BMCX Warden Jim Worthington, Commissioner Little and Asst. Commissioner Jim Cosby attend the "Celebration of Life".



Fellow Officers remember Morgan as an honest, God-fearing, hard-working man. They say they celebrate how he lived rather than focus on how he died.

A sign in front of the Brushy Mountain Market pays tribute to Officer Morgan on the anniversary of his death.

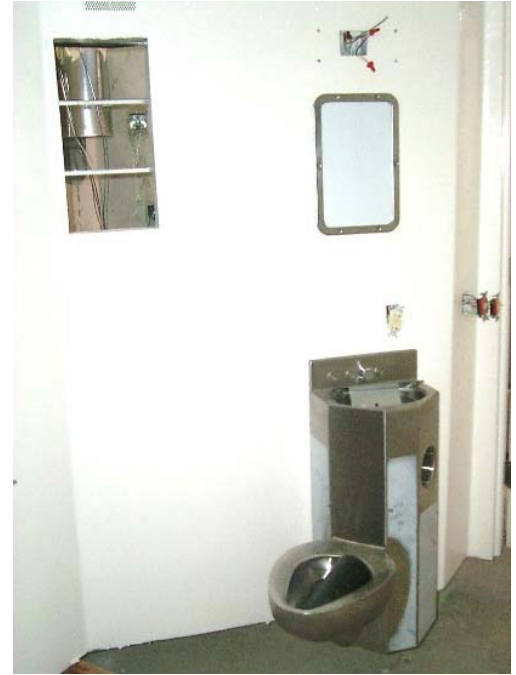


WAYNE "COTTON" MORGAN
End of watch-August 9, 2005



HAVE CELL WILL TRAVEL:

Commissioner Little and Staff visited Georgia to see the first pre-cast cells for the **MCCX** expansion. The two person units will be shipped already furnished and will only need to be set in place.





An aerial photo shows the progress of the Morgan County expansion project.

WTSP Welcomes the World:

The 2007 Class of International Fellows paid a visit to **WTSP**. The group included members from all parts of the world including Rwanda, Pakistan, Taiwan and Romania. Judge Herman Reviere hosted the group.



HOW TIME FLIES:



For Dennis Talley it may seem like just yesterday when he began his career with the Tennessee Department of Corrections. But this week marks the 30th anniversary of the day in 1976 when Mr. Talley was sworn in as Correctional Officer at TSP. Since then, Dennis has been promoted to Corporal, Sergeant and Lieutenant at MTRC. Today he serves as Correctional Program Manager. 30 may be just the beginning for Dennis Talley. We look forward to many more years with

him onboard. Congratulations.

BACK TO SCHOOL:

They came, they saw, they worked. Now its time for the four summer workers at Central Office to head back to school. Three of young men are sons of TDOC employees. After their experience, surely they'll return as full-time employees one day.



The summer workers include Mychal Austin, Chris Maloney, David Silcox Jr. and James Christopher Brown. Other summer interns were Merritt Kirchoffer and Matthew Scalf.

PROFILES IN CORRECTION: The Untold Story.



Acting Warden Dwight Barbee
with **Correctional Officer Sam
Chessor, Wayne County Boot
Camp**

Officer Chessor began working at **WCBC** on August 26, 1984. At that time, the land was being cleared and the prison was being completed by inmate workers who were transported on a daily basis from Turney Center. He greeted the first inmates who were housed in the two completed squad bays. These inmates built the additional two squad bays. At this time, the boot camp was called Wayne County Work Camp and was a medium security facility. While armed, Mr. Chessor rode a horse while performing his job duty on the roving patrol. He was there when the work camp transitioned to a minimum security boot camp, then to an addition of geriatric inmates, and then a construction/addition of 300 beds for technical violators. He has worked every shift and different posts. Over the past 10 years, Officer Chessor has been assigned to third shift and post #19 which is the Geriatric Unit. "I plan to work as long as I can and be able to retire while in good health, said Officer Chessor. Good Lord willing, I will be 75 years old on November 5, 2006".

QUOTES OF THE WEEK:

“Be kind, everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle”

-John Watson

Submitted by Pat Ray, Deputy Warden’s Secretary, NECX

“It’s never crowded along the extra mile.”

-Dr. Wayne Dyer, Motivational Speaker

-Submitted by Patrick Ryan, Instructor 1, TCA

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

-Submitted by Tom Robinson, Director of Facilities